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SUBJECT: KHMER CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN PARIS

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1. KHMER PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET SHOWED EMBOFF TELEGRAM FROM MFA IN PHNOM PENH WHICH INTER ALIA REFERRED TO PROBLEM OF KHMER CHARGE IN PARIS. TELEGRAM SAID NEW FACTS HAD BECOME KNOWN WHICH ARGUE AGAINST HONG HOEUNG DOEUNG'S TURNING THE PARIS MISSION OVER TO KENG VANNSAK. ACCORDING TO MESSAGE, DOEUNG COULD GIVE LONG BORET CLARIFICATION FROM US EMBASSY PARIS. PRIME MINISTER COULD THEN MAKE FINAL DECISION.

2. EMBOFF TOLD LONG BORET WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY "NEW FACTS" WHICH WOULD BEAR ON KHMER DECISION ON CHARGE FOR PARIS. LONG BORET THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT MFA HAD DECIDED THAT CURRENT HEAD OF UNESCO DELEGATION, SISOWATH ESSARO, WAS SO INEFFECTIVE THAT KENG SHOULD REMAIN AT HIS UNESCO POST TO LEAD THE CREDENTIALS STRUGGLE. HE SHOULD THEREFORE DELAY TAKING OVER THE EMBASSY HERE
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UNTIL THIS PROBLEM IS SOLVED. IN THE MEANTIME, CURRENT

CHARGE WOULD BE ASSIGNED IN PARIS EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD
GO TO NEW YORK WITH REST OF KHMER DELEGATION TO UN. HE
WOULD ASSUME HIS NEW POST OF DEPUTY PERMREP LATER.
(LONG BORET WAS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED WHEN INFORMED THAT
ESSARO HAD STILL NOT RETURNED TO PARIS TO LEAD UNESCO
STRUGGLE.)

3. LONG BORET ASKED US FOR THE "NEW FACTS" WHICH WOULD
PERMIT HIM TO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM OF THE
PARIS MISSIONS. PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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